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SUBJECT: GKR FILM ON SHELLING OF PHNOM PENH

REF: STATE 084371

1. SUBJECT FILM, 16MM COLOR LASTING EIGHT AND ONE-HALF MINUTES, WAS SHOT AND EDITED BY AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER DR. TEK TO OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AT PRESENT THERE IS NO SOUND TRACK ALTHOUGH FILM HAS OPENING CAPTION, TEMOINAGES VERIDIQUES, "PHNOM PENH," DEBUT 1974 (TRUE TESTIMONY, PHNOM PENH, BEGINNING OF 1974). GKR PLANS TO ADD SOUND TRACK IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH.

2. FILM DEPICTS AFTERMATH OF JANUARY SHELLING ATTACK UPON PHNOM PENH, INCLUDING ENSUING FIRES AND CASUALTIES BUT IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE FEBRUARY 11 SHELLING AND FIRE WHICH KILLED OVER 100 PEOPLE AND LEFT AN ESTIMATED 10,000 HOMELESS. FILM IS LIMITED IN COVERAGE OF DESTRUCTION AND IS DEFINITELY AN AMATEUR PRODUCTION. FOUR COPIES ARE BEING MADE FOR POSSIBLE USE KHMER MISSIONS WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, PARIS AND ONE FOR FORMIN KEUKY LIM'S CIRCUIT OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES LATER THIS YEAR.

3. SCENES OF SMASHED AND CHARRED CADAVERS MAY OFFEND SOME, BUT OTHERS EFFECTIVELY DEPICT INDISCRIMINATE DESTRUCTION AND

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SUFFERING OF CIVILIAN POPULATION. NET EFFECT IS TO REFUTE

FUNK/GRUNK CLAIMS THAT TARGETS AND CASUALTIES ARE ALL
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